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FOR YOUR INFORMATION AND GUIDANCE FOLLOWING ARE EXCERPTS
FROM DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN'S PRESS BRIEFING JULY 8:

MR. ANDERSON: AT ELEVEN O'CLOCK WE ANNOUNCED THAT SECRETARY KISSINGER AND PRIME MINISTER RABIN WOULD BE MEETING THIS SATURDAY. I WOULD LIKE TO JUST READ IT INTO THE RECORD, IF I MAY.

ISRAELI PRIME MINISTER RABIN AND U.S. SECRETARY OF STATE KISSINGER WILL MEET IN BONN ON SATURDAY, JULY 12 TO CONTINUE DISCUSSIONS WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF THEIR EFFORTS TO ACHIEVE PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST.

Q. DO YOU HAVE ANY COMMENT ON THE BBC BROADCAST WHICH SAID THAT AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN EGYPT AND ISRAEL IS ALL BUT COMPLETE EXCEPT FOR MINOR DETAILS?

A. THE BROADCAST -- OR THE REPORT OF A BROADCAST -- THAT I

SAW INDICATED THAT AN AGREEMENT HAD BEEN REACHED. I ALSO NOTED A CATEGORICAL DENIAL FROM ISRAEL ON THIS. AND WE AGREE WITH THAT DENIAL.

Q. HAVE THE LATEST ISRAELI PROPOSALS BEEN TRANSMITTED TO THE EGYPTIAN GOVERNMENT?

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A. ON THIS QUESTION, I BELIEVE AMBASSADOR DINITZ WAS ASKED A QUESTION ALONG THIS LINE LAST NIGHT. JUST LET ME SAY THAT, AS WE HAVE SAID BEFORE, I THINK I SAID IT YESTERDAY AS A MATTER OF FACT, EGYPT WOULD BE IMMEDIATELY AND CLOSELY INFORMED OF THE CONTINUING DIPLOMATIC EXCHANGES THAT WE ARE HAVING WITH ISRAEL. SO YOU CAN ASSUME THAT THE EGYPTIAN GOVERNMENT WILL BE INFORMED IMMEDIATELY AND IN DETAIL ON THE DISCUSSIONS OF LAST EVENING.

Q. HAS AMBASSADOR EILTS ASKED FOR A MEETING WITH PRESIDENT SADAT?

A. THAT I DON'T KNOW.

Q. I DON'T KNOW IF YOU HAVE ADDRESSED THIS HERE BEFORE. FORGIVE ME IF YOU HAVE. BUT WHAT IS THE ATTITUDE OF THE STATE DEPARTMENT TOWARDS THE SUGGESTION BEING MADE IN SEVERAL QUARTERS THAT THE AMERICANS MAN AN EARLY WARNING RADAR ENCLAVE IN THE WESTERN PART OF THE MITLA AND GIDI PASSES?

A. I HAVE NOT ADDRESSED IT BEFORE. I'VE SEEN SOME OF THESE REPORTS IN THE PRESS ALONG THIS LINE. I THINK THERE WAS SOME ISRAELI COMMENT ON IT WHICH INDICATED THAT THIS REPORT WAS NOT ACCURATE, BUT I DON'T HAVE ANY COMMENT ON THIS FROM HERE AT ALL.

Q. WERE THE CLARIFICATIONS THAT MR. DINITZ SOUGHT, WERE THEY CLARIFICATIONS NEEDED FROM THIS COUNTRY OR ARE THEY CLARIFICATIONS THAT WE MUST NOW OBTAIN FROM EGYPT?

A. I DON'T KNOW.

Q. WOULDN'T YOU PUT THOSE REPORTS ABOUT POSSIBILITY OF AMERICANS MANNING THE EARLY WARNING FACILITIES IN THE RANGE OF INFORMED SPECULATION?

A. I THINK, FRANKLY AT THIS STAGE IT'S BETTER -- FAR PREFERABLE, LET ME PUT IT THAT WAY -- FOR ME NOT TO SPECULATE ON SPECULATIVE PIECES THAT KEEP COMING OUT EVERY DAY FROM ONE PARTY OR ANOTHER PARTY. I JUST DON'T THINK THAT'S UNCLASSIFIED

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HELPFUL TO TRY TO MOVE THE NEGOTIATING TRACK ALONG.

Q. BUT YOU'RE NOT TOTALLY EXCLUDING THAT POSSIBILITY, EVEN THOUGH YOU'RE NOT COMMENTING ON IT?

A. I JUST AM NOT COMMENTING ON IT AT ALL. AND I'M NOT CONFIRMING OR DENYING AT ALL. KISSINGER

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